**Admission of displaced Kashmiri students**

2934. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether students from Jammu and Kashmir State have requested Government to lower the eligibility criteria for various professional courses in different universities, for their admission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The Department of Education had received some representations from the organisations of Kashmiri Migrants for providing certain concessions to Kashmiri Migrant Students for admissions in professional courses such as Medical/Engineering/BDS/BVSc./MBA etc.

(c) Department of Education has asked Central Universities to extend the following concessions to Kashmiri Migrant Students:

(a) extension in date of admission;

(b) relaxation in cut-off percentage;

(c) increase in intake capacity to accomodate Kashmiri Migrant Students; and

(d) allowing migrations to 2nd and 3rd year of under-graduate courses.

**Supreme Court Judgement on Sanskrit education**

2935. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Judgement of Supreme Court in October, 1994 and the direction to the Central Government to the effect that Sanskrit be taught as an Optional Language;

(b) if so, what are the details of this judgement;

(c) what are the steps Government have taken in this regard;

(d) what is the timeframe therefor; and

(e) what other steps Government are taking to encourage Sanskrit education?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Hon'ble Supreme Court has in its judgement dated 4.10.94 directed the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to include Sanskrit as an elective subject in the syllabus under consideration and to make necessary amendment in the syllabus within a period of three months. As per the 1975-76 Language Teaching Scheme of the CBSE, Sanskrit already enjoys the status of an elective subject and, therefore, the directive of the Hon'ble Supreme Court stands complied with. Further, the CBSE has issued another circular dated 13.12.1994 to all its affiliated schools reiterating that Sanskrit continues to be one of the elective languages in the Secondary School curriculum of the Board.

(e) Some of the major steps taken by the Central Government to encourage Sanskrit Education are:

(i) Scholarships are given to students in traditional schools and modern schools studying Sanskrit subject.

(ii) Assistance is provided during the plan period to State Govts. for engaging Sanskrit Teachers in their schools; and

(iii) Financial assistance and awards are given to voluntary organisations and scholars to encourage the study of Sanskrit.

**Fake certificates**

2936. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which apeared in the Times of India of 10th January, 1995 under the caption, "Forge certificate racket busted";

(b) if so, what are the facts and necessary details in this regard;

(c) how many persons involved in this racket have been arrested and what action has been taken against them;

(d) what is the number of degrees/certificates of different trades/universities which have been seized and whether the authorities have any estimate about the number of such fake instruments which have already been distributed for misuse; and

(e) what steps government have taken or propose to take to put an end to such activities and also the steps taken to prevent the misuse of such degrees/certificates already issued?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) Detailed information is being collected and will be laid on the Tabe of the Sabha.

**Privatisation of Higher Education**

2937. DR. B. B. DUTTA:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to privatise the higher education in the country;

(b) if so, what are the relevant details in this regard;

(c) whether Univarsity Grants Commission (UGC) has finalised any guidelines for the establishment of private universities in the country;

(d) if so, what are the details of the guidelines: and

(e) to what extent the privatising of higher education is likely to affect the functioning of the existing universities and the standard of higher education in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) The question of allowing establishment of self-financing universities is receiving attention of the Government. Exercises are underway in consultation with University Grants Commission to lay down suitable policies, including an appropriate legislative framework for this purpose.